NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2026

GOLD $4,556.10 SILVER $71.56 ₿ BITCOIN $67,473.95

Last Month: GOLD $5,097.70 SILVER $83.18 ₿ BITCOIN $68,062

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NEXT MEETING APRIL 2ND

Next Olympia Coin Club Meeting
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM - Doors open at 6:00PM

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

APR 4
Greater Tacoma Coin Show
Holiday Inn Express, I-5 and Bridgeport Way, Tacoma, WA
David F. Schmidt
253-209-0128

PNNA SHOW - APR 11-12
PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
New Location!
Holiday Inn Columbia Riverfront, 909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR
Contact: Kevin Charbonneau
Bourse contact:
Scott Loos

For a complete list of upcoming shows visit the PNNA Calendar - (Click here)

Oliver Brock
Club President

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT OLIVER BROCK

oliver.brock@comcast.net

Metals go up, metals go down these days. For me I buy it when I find it. Price is what it is at the time of purchase. That's why the coin shows are during well. The PNNA show is in Portland Oregon this year.
They are working to have a shuttle to the show from Olympia to catch a ride. Rick Schulz is a point of contact for the shuttle. The coin club is in good standing thanks to all the members. The Lacey Fun Fair is around the corner we will need people to work at the booth, which is a two-day event.

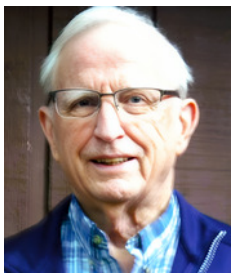
Oliver

Lacey Spring Fun Fair
FREE FAMILY EVENT

OCC Volunteers needed for the OCC Booth

Lacey Spring Fun Fair
May 16 and 17, 2026 - St. Martin's University

Give your little ones a weekend packed with free, hands-on activities designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and pure springtime joy.
A community tradition since 1988, the Lacey Spring Fun Fair has delivered 36 years of free, family-friendly entertainment to the greater Olympia area. With colorful attractions, exciting rides, and engaging performances, this two-day celebration is overflowing with energy, imagination, and learning opportunities for kids of every age.



Richard Green
Club Secretary

Olympia Coin Club
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026

Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 43 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Terri reported that as of the end February, the Club had $8,314.87 in the bank with expenses of
$1,519.37 and income of $321.00 for the month of February. Terri paid a donation of $800, as
authorized by the Board, to the Senior Center for use of the facility.

Nominations

At the April meeting, nominations will be opened for Club Officers. Be thinking about who you would like to nominate.

Outreach Projects

The Club is considering participation at the Lacey Fun Fair in May and the Rotary Duck Dash in June. This will depend upon getting enough volunteers to man the booths. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the April meeting.

Board Meeting

The Board will meet on March 26 at the Rivers Edge Restaurant.

PNNA

With the PNNA Show having been moved to Portland, a van is being considered to transport members to the show. If there is any interest, see Kevin for the details.

Green Ticket Winners

1972 Ike Brown Dollar – Rudy Kennedy
1972 Ike Blue Dollar – Dennis Reed
1970 Kennedy Half Dollar – Scot Callender

YN Drawing Winners

2007d Washington Quarter – Ellie
Five Cinco Venezuelan Note – Sally

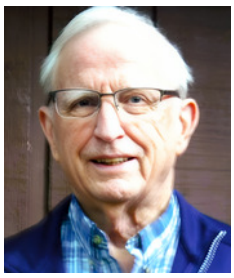
Membership Drawing Winner

Liberia Kennedy Comm. $10 – Mike Zagorin
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Rich Green, Secretary

Next OCC Board Meeting
May 28th at 6pm
Rivers Edge - Tumwater

Olympia Coin Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2026


Richard Green
Club Secretary

Jay opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. Those present were: Dale Gerard, Kristi Gerard, Terry Yurkas, Rudy Kennedy, Jay DeBoer, and Rich Green.

Election of Officers
Jay reminded the members that nomination of Club Officers will be at the April and May meetings. All officer positions and two board positions are up for election. Voting will occur at the June meeting.

Lacey Fun Fair and Duck Dash
The Fun Fair is on May 16 and 17. We have prizes for the kids and Kevin has the wheel for the kids to spin. The Duck Dash is on June 6. Our participation in either of these will depend upon getting enough volunteers at the April meeting.

PNNA
It appears that there will be a shuttle van going from Olympia for the PNNA Show.
The details will be available at the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report
Terry reported that as of March 22, the Club had $7, 000.87 on-hand. As of March 1, 2026, we had income of $6,162.00 and expenses of $3,273.67.

Picnic
Kristi reported that we are low on plastic plates and utensils for the Aug. picnic. Donations to purchase these would be appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Rich Green, Secretary

COMING FROM THE US MINT

Mar 27

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

Semiquincentennial Quarters 2026 Rolls and Bags - Revolutionary War

SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COINS AND MEDALS

MULTI (D)(P)

26SQBC 26SQBD 26SQRC

Apr 7

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Innovation $1 Coin 2026 Rolls and Bags - Wisconsin

AMERICAN INNOVATION® $1 COIN PROGRAM

MULTI (D)(P)

26GBB 26GBF 26GRB 26GRF

Apr 17

● COMING SOON ● LIMITED

American Eagle 2026 One Ounce Silver Enhanced Uncirculated Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26EG

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2026 Semiquincentennial Coins: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Set

In 2026, the United States marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. To celebrate, the U.S. Mint is launching a special lineup of Semiquincentennial coins—including the first new dime in 80 years, five new quarters, a dual-dated nickel, and collector-only cent and half dollar issues.

For collectors, this is shaping up to be the most significant one-year coin program since the 1976 Bicentennial.

The 2026 "Emerging Liberty" Dime

One of the stars of the program is the new Emerging Liberty dime.

Obverse: A determined Liberty facing right, wind in her hair, wearing a liberty cap decorated with stars and stripes—tying together early American coinage and the young nation.

Inscriptions: LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, and the dual date 1776 ~ 2026.

Reverse: An eagle in flight carrying arrows, symbolizing the American Revolution and the fight for independence, with inscriptions UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, E PLURIBUS UNUM, ONE DIME, and LIBERTY OVER TYRANNY.

This dime is planned for circulation, but many collectors will be targeting Uncirculated and Proof examples.

1776–2026 Jefferson Nickel

The nickel gets a quieter, but still collectible, update.

- Design: The familiar Jefferson obverse and Monticello reverse remain unchanged.
- New Feature: A dual date 1776–2026 added to mark the Semiquincentennial.

It's subtle, but exactly the kind of one-year variety album-fillers love. Like the dime, it's planned for circulation, with higher-grade pieces available in Mint and Proof sets.

2026 Semiquincentennial Coins: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Set

Continued

Five New 2026 Quarters

The real centerpiece of the program is a set of five Semiquincentennial quarters, each highlighting a key moment or document in American history. All are planned for circulation.

1. **Mayflower Compact Quarter**
Obverse: Two Pilgrims embracing as they behold the New World.
Reverse: The Mayflower under full sail on rough seas—honoring one of the earliest agreements on self-governance.

2. **Revolutionary War Quarter**
Obverse: George Washington, using the portrait from the 2007 Presidential dollar.
Reverse: A Continental Army soldier at Valley Forge, his expression reflecting resolve in the struggle for liberty.

3. **Declaration of Independence Quarter**
Obverse: Thomas Jefferson, primary author of the Declaration.
Reverse: The Liberty Bell ringing boldly, symbolizing America's determination to chart its own course.

4. **U.S. Constitution Quarter**
Obverse: James Madison (from the 2007 Presidential dollar), the "Father of the Constitution."
Reverse: Independence Hall with the inscription "WE THE PEOPLE", emphasizing government by consent of the governed.

5. **Gettysburg Address Quarter**
Obverse: Abraham Lincoln, using the portrait from the 2009 Bicentennial commemorative silver dollar.
Reverse: The phrase "A NEW NATION CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY" and two clasped hands, symbolizing Lincoln's effort to hold the nation together.

Together, these five quarters form a compact narrative of American ideals—from early self-rule to the preservation of the Union.

Collector-Only 2026 Lincoln Cent

Although cents for circulation ended in November 2025, there will be a 2026 Lincoln cent—but only for collectors.

Obverse: Victor D. Brenner's classic Lincoln portrait.

Reverse: The final use of the Union Shield design.

Special Feature: Dual date 1776–2026.

With the cent discontinued for circulation, this dual-dated 2026 issue is almost guaranteed to be in high demand in Mint and Proof sets.

2026 "Enduring Liberty" Half Dollar

The Enduring Liberty half dollar is another collector-only coin for 2026.

Obverse: A close-up of the Statue of Liberty, looking forward.

Reverse: Liberty passing her torch to the next generation, with the inscription "KNOWLEDGE IS THE ONLY GUARDIAN OF TRUE LIBERTY."

Because the half dollar changes so rarely, this one-year design is likely to be a key type coin for modern U.S. collections.

Beyond Circulation: Eagles, Buffalos, Morgans & Peace Dollars

In addition to these Semiquincentennial designs, the Mint also plans special privy marks on:

- Silver and Gold American Eagles
- Gold American Buffaloes
- 2026 Morgan and Peace silver dollars

So the 250th anniversary will touch both circulating and bullion/commemorative series.

Why This Matters for Collectors

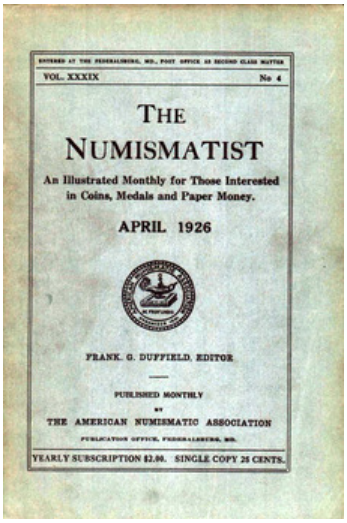
For album-builders and type collectors, 2026 offers:

- Multiple one-year-only designs
- A new dime type
- A dual-dated nickel and cent
- A special half dollar that only appears in 2026
- A five-coin quarter set with strong historical themes

It's the kind of coordinated program that doesn't come around often. If the 1976 Bicentennial coins are any guide, these 2026 issues will be followed—and collected—for decades.

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist

Here's a look back 100 years at a couple of articles from the April 1926 issue of The Numismatist.



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Editorial Comment—Numismatic News.

STILL ANOTHER COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROPOSED.

Representative Porter, of Pennsylvania, has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill authorizing the issue of a half dollar to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Stephen C. Foster, which occurs on July 4, 1926. The preamble to the bill is as follows:

Whereas Stephen C. Foster, America's great composer of more than one hundred and sixty songs and musical compositions, which have become famous the world over, was born in Pittsburgh on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a fitting date for one in whose veins was blended the blood of many men who had fought that the immortal Declaration might live; and

Whereas Stephen C. Foster was the son of William Barclay Foster, third son of James Foster, of Berkley county, Virginia, who served in the Virginia

Line during the Revolution and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Stephen C. Foster married Anne Barclay, of the Rowan family, conspicuous in Kentucky history, whose home near Bardstown, Kentucky, has been adopted and dedicated as a shrine by the State of Kentucky and named "My Old Kentucky Home" in honor of Foster's famous song of that name; and

"Whereas the home in Pittsburgh where Stephen C. Foster was born is also maintained as a shrine to Foster's memory by the municipality of Pittsburgh. Among other works of Foster which are internationally popular may be mentioned, "Old Folks at Home" ("Suwanee River"), "Old Black Joe," "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," "Old Dog Tray," and others; and

"Whereas July 4, 1926, being the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Stephen C. Foster, will be appropriately celebrated by the people of the United States; Therefore"

The bill provides that there shall be coined silver fifty-cent pieces to the number of not more than 1,000,000, and that they shall be issued upon the request of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. Other provisions of the bill are similar to bills authorizing former commemorative half dollars.

Other commemorative coins proposed for 1926 are the $2½ gold and fifty-cent Sesqui coins and the Oregon Trail half dollars, mentioned in last month's issue.

THE FORTHCOMING "BRYAN MONEY" NUMBER.

It is our purpose to make the forthcoming "Bryan Money" issue of THE NUMISMATIST similar in many respects to the "Lincoln Number" published more than two years ago. Practically the entire issue will be devoted to the descriptive list of the 140 varieties, with related material, all of which will be furnished by Farran Zerbe. The issue will not, of course, be as large as the "Lincoln Number," but will be much larger than the ordinary number.

One feature which will make the issue of great value to collectors is that every type and many of the minor varieties of Bryan Money will be illustrated. When it is realized that but few of the pieces can be called common, and that most of them are very rare, with several known only by a single specimen or two, the fact that all will be illustrated will be appreciated.

The list will be published in the June or July issue of THE NUMISMATIST. Definite announcement of the date will be made next month.

The price of this issue as a separate number will be $1, although a copy will go as a regular issue to each subscriber.

ALBERT R. FREY.

Although he had not been active in numismatics in the last two years, the death of Albert R. Frey will be greatly regretted by all collectors who knew him and who were familiar with his contributions to numismatic literature. In numismatics he was, first of all, a student and scholar, and then a collector. As collections go in these days, he was not an extensive collector. During his career he had formed several collections, but these were not large. Quantity did not appeal to him. Quality and numismatic and historic interest were the controlling forces in his purchases. It must be said of him that he had little consideration for the mere collector of dates and die varieties, in which many collectors of United States coins find so much to interest them, and the frankness of his nature compelled him to frequently express himself in this particular.

As a diversion from the serious side of numismatics he had at times formed collections along lines in which he had a sentimental interest. Among these were medals and tokens relating to books, magazines, newspapers and the printing industry in general; the tokens and cards of tobacconists, smoking, etc.; tokens and medals relating to the theater, and tokens and medals of Shakespeare. The collecting of these and similar issues was in the nature of "play" for him when not engaged in real numismatic work. He attended all the New York sales over a number of years, which afforded him opportunity to acquire desirable pieces for his "play" collections.

He was, above all else, a collector of numismatic literature, and leaves an

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extensive and valuable numismatic library. He believed that for every dollar spent for coins, an equal amount should be spent for numismatic works.

One of the earliest collections he formed was a series of coins on each of which was an elephant, particularly the coins of Mysore. The image of an elephant on a coin was not to him more important than that of any other animal, so far as numismatics was concerned, but the collecting of such a series led him into fields and paths untraveled by most American collectors and afforded him an opportunity for study. He also formed a collection of ducats, nearly all of which were disposed of prior to his death. In later years he formed a collection of copper coins, which he sold intact before his death.

Mr. Frey was at his best in the role of teacher. He was fond of taking the youthful collector under his care and directing his steps along proper numismatic channels. The writer recalls that Mr. Frey was among the earliest of his numismatic acquaintances, with whom he developed a correspondence that extended over a number of years. His letters were always helpful and instructive.

Of his contributions to numismatic literature, he is best known as the author of "A Dictionary of Numismatic Names," published in 1915. This represents a labor of about fifteen years in compilation and an almost unlimited amount of study and research. It was in this work that he took his greatest pride—a justifiable pride.

One who knew him well has said that his numismatic works, although highly specialized, can best be eulogized in the words of the poet Praed, one of Mr. Frey's favorites:

"And sure a righteous zeal inspired
The hand and head that penned and planned them,
For all who understood, admired,
And some who did not understand them."

RARE COINS TAXABLE AT FACE VALUE IN KANSAS.

Old coins for which numismatists would pay premiums are taxable at face value only in Kansas; rare books, which would bring hundreds of dollars from collectors, are appraised "as any second-hand volumes," and stamp collections "are about equal to the value of the paper on which they are printed," says an Associated Press dispatch from Topeka, Kan.

This is the ruling of the tax department of the public service commission. Clarence Smith, tax commissioner, explained his conclusion about the taxable value of rare books, coins and stamps by saying, "There is no general market for such things."

"A person whose hobby it is to collect coins," Mr. Smith remarked, "readily pays a dollar for a Stone Mountain Memorial half dollar. That's because he is eager to have it, not because the coin is worth a dollar.

"The coin collector, in buying that Stone Mountain half dollar, is like the farmer who is willing to buy land which adjoins his farm by paying, maybe, twice as much as the land is worth just because he wants to have a larger farm in one tract. Yet, the taxes on the land which he buys cannot be doubled. The average farmer would pay what the land actually was worth. Similarly, a rare half dollar is worth only 50 cents to the average person."

Bibles and other books printed centuries ago are "like any second-hand volumes," Mr. Smith said. Like heirlooms, he added, they have little intrinsic value, although "the sentimental value attached to them by their owners cannot be measured in dollars and cents."

SHEKELS VERSUS MITES.

In days of old in Palestine things were pretty much as now—
Oft for the poor a hasty nod, for the rich a stately bow;
And even in the synagogue difference in ring was great
Between the shekel and the mite on the collection plate.

THEODORE J. VENN.

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist Continued

OVERDATED COINS OF BRAZIL.

Our member, Mr. Charles A. Baumann, of Rio de Janeiro, has donated to the A. N. A. collection two interesting items of overdated coins of Brazil, as follows:

Pedro II, 1683-1706, 320 reis, coined at Bahia, 1696 over 1695.

Maria I (widow), 1786-1805 (1816), 640 reis coined at Bahia (B), 1800 over 1799.

Parts of his letter accompanying the coins are as follows:

"THE NUMISMATIST is always very interesting reading and I always look forward to its arrival.

"In the November issue I find a very interesting article on overdates on coins. Brazil as a Portuguese colony always had recourse to overdating. Of course, the coins are not as old as those mentioned in Mr. Schmall's article, as the first coins struck in this country date only from 1695. I have quite a number in my collection and from my duplicates I enclose two.

"Will you please add them to the collection of our Association as specimens of Brazilian overdates?

"Another and more interesting item in Brazilian numismatics are the countermarks on coins for altering their face value or for circulation in certain provinces."

MEDAL IN MEMORY OF REV. DR. SABATO MORAIS.

On April 18, 1923, the Congregation Mikveh Israel in the city of Philadelphia celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sabato Morais. The occasion was marked by commemorative addresses, religious services and the unveiling of a bronze tablet. A bronze medal was authorized to be issued, which is illustrated here:

SABATO MORAIS
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF SABATO MORAIS MINISTER OF THE K.K. MIKVE ISRAEL IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA 1851-1897 FOUNDER OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA

Rev. Dr. Sabato Morais was born at Leghorn, Italy, April 13, 1823. He became Minister of the Congregation Mikveh Israel in 1851, and continued as such until his death in 1897. He was the founder of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The medal is illustrated here through the courtesy of Isaac Feinberg, secretary of the Congregation Mikveh Israel.

J. deL.

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist Continued

INQUIRY ON PAPER MONEY OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

A letter of inquiry has been addressed to the President of the American Numismatic Association from Mr. Georg Galster, Curator of the Royal Coin Cabinet of Copenhagen.

Mr. Galster has forwarded a sheet of three notes, one for $500 and two for $100, and both denominations are illustrated here. This sheet was printed from a copper plate now in the Royal Danish Collection and which came out of the Danish West Indian archives, now located in the State Archives of Copenhagen. Nothing is known to the Danish Government in regard to these notes, and if any of our readers have any information on the subject they are requested to forward it to the President of the A. N. A. so that, in turn, it may be forwarded to the Danish Government.

Mr. Galster further explained that on the back of the plates, the name of "J. B. Keim, Phila" appears engraved, probably indicating that he is the engraver, although the notes were manufactured by the New England Bank Note Co.

Mr. Galster's letter was submitted to Mr. D. C. Wismer, whose comments were as follows:

"The notes you mention are new to me. From Mr. Galster's letter and yours, I understand that the notes were made from the plate to which Mr. Galster refers, on the back of which is engraved the name of J. B. Keim, Phila. This is very peculiar. St. Thomas is in the Virgin Islands, now owned by the United States.

"There is also a St. Thomas located in Ontario, in Elgin County, near the shores of Lake Erie. I have some bank notes issued in Canada and all of them were engraved by the American Bank Note Company or other bank

note engravers, but have none engraved by the New England Bank Note Co. for Canadian banks, but have many engraved by the New England Bank Note Co. for banks in the United States.

"There was a Bank of St. Thomas located at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in 1893. When this was opened or whether it still is in operation I do not know, but will endeavor to find out.

"As you say, Mr. Keim may have acted as the intermediary for having these plates engraved, and ordered the plates from the New England Bank Note Co., they engraving his name on the plate as a matter of record.

"I do not know what became of the New England Bank Note Co., but think I have notes engraved by the comany as early as 1830. I think they obtained or used the Perkins system of bank-note engraving. Afterward they were absorbed, I think, by the American Bank Note Company.

"Of course, I have not paid much attention to Canadian banks or bank notes. The Bank of St. Thomas was no doubt opened under the rule of Denmark, which explains their possession of the plate."

There is no doubt that the notes are properly classified under the Danish West Indies, as they form part of the Danish West Indian archives and, furthermore, the steamship on the $100 note carries the Danish flag.

IF COINS COULD SPEAK.

(Written for The Numismatist.)

If coins could only speak
That lie in Flanders' lea,
What tales of horror bleak
They would unfold to me!

Oft came the anguished cries
They heard in hopeless fights
Under the cold gray skies
Of gloomy Stygian nights.

A Lincoln cent may know
Of doughboy's silent pain
Where blood-red poppies grow
Beside a meadow lane.

At times in fingers stark,
As Death usurped Life's lease,
Was clutched a German mark
Or Flemish centime piece.

All verdigris and rust,
An English penny, too,
Reposes in the dust
Beside a Frenchman's sou.

'Neath tree or under vine
Such coins now mutely lie
In Flanders' muddy shrine
Beneath a weeping sky.

JOHN GOOSSENS.

March 14, 1926.

MR. VENN HAS MORE MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

In the February issue of the Bankers' Service Bulletin Theo. J. Venn, of Chicago, had an article giving in detail the rarities and approximate values of the three-cent silver and three-cent nickel issues of the United States. He also described the rare Massachusetts halfpenny of 1776, with a three-headed image on the obverse, said to have been designed and struck by Paul Revere. Mr. Venn says he does not recall one of these pieces having been offered at public auction within the past forty years.

PLAQUE ON THE DEATH OF CARDINAL MERCIER.

A plaque on the death of Cardinal Mercier has been issued by the medallic firm of M. Mauquoy & Fils, Antwerp, Belgium.

It was issued in bronze, silvered bronze and silver. It is a reissue of a plaque issued in 1916, but with a new reverse in commemoration of the death of His Eminence, the great Belgian patriot.

NEW ITALIAN GOLD 100 LIRE.

From a specimen furnished by Moritz Wormser, New York City, we illustrate the new gold 100-lire of Italy, recently issued in commemoration of

the 25-years reign of King Victor Emanuel and, apparently in memory of the conquests of Italy and the victories of the World War. It is one of the most handsome coins issued in Europe in recent years.

TWO WORLD WAR MEDALLIC ISSUES FROM ITALY.

Two medals of more than ordinary merit issued during the World War from the establishment of Stefano Carlo Johnson, Milan, Italy, are reproduced here through his courtesy.

1. Obverse, prospective view of the city of Florina, in Macedonia; in foreground, a seated female figure in Albanese costume. Reverse, "Just and Firm." Prow of a ship upon which rests a Roman eagle with outstretched

wings, holding in its talons the fasces. A specimen in gold was presented by the officers of the Thirty-third Division to their commanding general. A very few pieces were struck in bronze. (The medal measures 2⅛ inches in diameter.)

2. Symbolical figure of Italy, borne by a group of eagles; the figure holds in her left hand the national banner and in her right hand a wreath of laurel. Above, "Give Wings to Italy's Victory." Rev., flying squadron of airplanes; below, ensemble view of principal Italian monuments and

building pictorially grouped. In the center, in five lines, "Hail to the Rugged Combats, Augury of More Difficult Flights. The Milanese Numismatic Society for the National Aerial Defense. Milan, 1915-1917." (The medal measures 2⅛ inches in diameter.) J. deL.

THE ASSAY COMMISSION FOR 1926.

The Assay Commission for 1926, appointed by President Coolidge to test the weight and fineness of selections from the coins struck at the different mints in 1925, met at the Philadelphia Mint the second week in February. As has been the custom for several years, at least one of the members of the commission was a member of the American Numismatic Association—this year it was Judson Brenner, of Youngstown, Ohio. The commission was composed of the following: Government officials—Mrs. V. Carpenter, secretary; R. J. Grant, Director of the Mint; B. G. Shields, Freas Styer, Superintendent of the Mint; J. B. Eckfeld and F. H. Chaffin. Lay members—Prof. W. T. Taggart, Judson Brenner, Dr. James L. Howe, H. H. Bearce, L. E. Brown and Nathan Ricks.

The commission was considerably smaller this year than formerly, due to the desire to cut down expenses. Only nine lay members were invited to places on the commission, three of whom were unable to be present. Mrs. Brenner accompanied Mr. Brenner, and at the invitation of Director Grant she appears in the official photograph of the group.

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist Continued

GOTA CANAL (SWEDEN) CENTENNIAL MEDAL.

On September 23, 1922, the Gota Canal Company celebrated its centennial by striking a commemorative medal designed by Erik Lindberg.

The obverse side represents a shield with inscription: "Gota Kanal Bolag Firar 100 Arsminnet D. 23 September 1922," and below, the initials of the company surrounded by four craft.

The reverse depicts artistically two water nymphs, one presenting to her sister helpmate a boat in full sail across the provincial crest; in the exergue, "Waterway Opened Between Vattern and Vanern 1822."

The medal measures 2½ inches in diameter. J. deL.

DISCOVERY OF ROMAN SILVER COINS AT WIGAN.

A discovery of Roman silver coins has been made near Boar's Head, Wigan, known to industry as a coal-mining center, but also identified by historians as the British Coccium of the Romans, a station where two Roman roads crossed, which is mentioned in the tenth itinerary of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, says the London Times.

The coins were discovered by a laborer while digging a shallow trench in a field. They were not enclosed in any sort of receptacle, but were, nevertheless, on the whole, in a remarkably good state of preservation, though some were mere corroded discs which fell to pieces on being handled. Altogether, some 50 silver coins were unearthed, in addition to a number of fragments. Unaware of their value, the finder distributed them among his fellow workmen. One, however, happened to be submitted to Mr. Arthur J. Hawkes, the Wigan county borough librarian, who identified it, and was ultimately successful in obtaining practically all the coins for the Wigan public library committee, of which the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres is the chairman, and they will be preserved in the Wigan Public Library for Wigan's future museum. On being cleaned, some of the coins might almost have come fresh from the mint a generation or so ago.

The names of the Roman Emperors and their consorts, so far identified on the coins, with the dates of their respective reigns, are as follows: Galba (68); Domitian (81-96); Trajan (98-117); Hadrian (117-138); Antoninus Pius (138-161); Faustina the Elder (wife of Antoninus Pius) (138-141); Crispina Augustus (wife of Commodus) (180-192); Julia Augusta (wife of Lucius Septimius Severus) (193-211); Septimius Geta Caesar (198-209); Plautillae Augusta (wife of Caracalla) (died 212); Caracalla (212-217); Macrinus (217); Elagabalus (Marcus Aurelius Antoninus) (218-222); Alexander Severus (222-235); and Julia Mamaea (mother of Alexander Severus (222-235).

Other discoveries of Roman coins which have been made at Wigan from time to time have included coins of the Emperors Probus and Gallienus; coins of Victorinus and Tetricus (two of the "Thirty Tyrants" of Gaul), and a very fine gold coin of the reign of Vitellius (A. D. 59).

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist Continued

REPLICAS OF SMITHSON MEDAL PROBABLY WILL BE ISSUED.

From a Washington dealer in antiques the Smithsonian Institution has unexpectedly obtained an excellent bronze medallion, probably executed by the famous Italian sculptor, Antonio Canova, of its founder, the English scientist, James Smithson. On the back is the rough inscription, "James Smithson, 1817." The medallion bears an initial letter, evidently of the artist who made it, which seems to be an old-fashioned "C."

A plan is under consideration to have bronze replicas of this medallion made for presentation to all persons who respond to the Smithsonian Institution's appeals for funds in its effort to add $10,000,000 to its endowment —the first appeal it has made for financial aid since it was founded with money left in trust to the United States by Smithson, just 100 years ago.

Ruel P. Tolman, assistant curator of graphic arts of the Smithsonian Institution, who has charge of the personal relics of Smithson, has written to a man in Italy, author of a life of Canova, in an effort to discover whether the famous Italian sculptor ever made a medallion of Smithson. It is considered to be quite likely that he did, for Canova and Smithson were contemporaries and the English scientist spent much of his time in Italy, where he died.

Mr. Tolman is taking nothing for granted, however, especially in view of the fact that the single letter on the medallion may possibly be a "T." He wrote to a museum at Copenhagen and inquired about the possibility of the medallion having been executed by Albert Thorwaldsen, a Danish sculptor of the same period, who did much of his work in Italy. A reply came which convinced Mr. Tolman that it is not the work of Thorwaldsen.

A curious circumstance in connection with the discovery of the medallion is that among the relics of Smithson in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution is a die of the same medallion, with no inscription on it. The late Prof. S. P. Langley, third secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, in his life of Smithson, wrote:

"We have a likeness of him taken from a medallion executed probably in the years when he was most active in these scientific labors. The precise date of the medallion, a reproduction of which is here given, is unknown."

The dealer in antiques says he obtained the medallion from a collector of old coins. How it came into his possession is a mystery. There is a record of such a medallion once having been in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution, but it was lost long ago.

The medallion is an artistic piece of work and resembles the work of Canova. Replicas of it would have artistic value and historical interest.

NEW SYSTEM FOR DATING PERSIAN COINS.

I have just received from Persia a set of the 1926 coinage under the new Shah, which in size and design are in all respects the same as the former issues. They are dated in Arabic figures 1304, where last year (1925) was 1343. This change has been brought about by the Persian Government or the Persian people changing from the lunar year to the solar year. The 1926 would be 1344, and by a small amount of figuring it will be discovered that the difference of forty years is absolutely correct.

It is easy to verify this by taking 1304 and adding 622 years, which gives 1926. This should be of interest to all numismatists.

New York City, Feb. 26. RUD. KOHLER.

ONCE MORE THE SIZE OF PAPER MONEY IS TO BE REDUCED.

American paper money may be reduced in size to that of the Philippine currency in the interest of efficiency, economy and convenience. That the change is being considered was disclosed to the House Appropriations Committee by Herbert D. Brown, Federal efficient expert, whose testimony was recently made public.

The Philippine bill, he said, is about two-thirds the size of the American paper, and "everyone who has lived in the Philippines testifies that it is a more convenient size."—Associated Press Dispatch.

OCC Officer Position Elections

It's that time again to elect officers for the Olympia Coin Club. If you would like to run for one of the positions please let one of the current officers know so we can get your name on the ballot.

All are one term except for board of directors

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Board of director #2
Board of director #4

From the Olympia Coin Club by-laws:

Election of Officers

Nominations of officers shall be made at the April and May regular meetings. The election shall be held at the following June meeting. All officers shall be elected by majority vote. Officers shall be installed at the summer picnic and assume duties at the September regular meeting. Officers shall serve for one year. Board members at-large shall serve for two (2) years with two being elected annually. Positions 1 & 3 to be elected in the odd numbered years and positions 2 & 4 to be elected in the even numbered years

Section 1. The President shall preside at all regular meetings and appoint all committees as needed. In the Presidents absence, these duties shall be assumed in the order of Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution.

Section 2. The Vice President shall be responsible for scheduling and / or conducting educational programs to be presented at the club's regular meetings

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a written record of all transactions (memberships, correspondence, etc.) and report the minutes of all meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money, give a monthly status report and maintain a written ledger.

Section 5. Board Members shall attend board meetings and act in the best interest of the club when voting on club matters.

Keep the Club Running - OCC Needs a Treasurer

Olympia Coin Club needs a Treasurer to keep the club running. Are you interested?

Treasurer Duties:

- Collect Payments – Receive membership dues and bid board sales (from Rick Schultz).
- Auction Transactions – Receive payments for auctions and make change (assistants may handle this).
- Manage Club Finances – Oversee the checkbook and cash box.
- Pay any bills or invoices
- Record keeping – Maintain transaction records and send them to Terri for the Treasurer's Report (or create the report yourself if preferred).
- Financial Reporting – Provide a financial update to officers and directors.
- Annual Coin Show – Collect funds from ticket and table sales, track income and expenses, and provide a cash box for the event.

Assistant Treasurer Duties:

(We can have multiple assistants, so don't hesitate to jump in!)

- Auction Management – Track auction sales - yellow auction sheets.
- Raffle Coordination – Sell raffle tickets for 3–4 prizes during the meeting.
- Announce Winners – Announce the raffle and membership prize winners.
- Transaction Handling – Receive auction payments and provide change.
- Seller Settlements – Finalize auction sellers' lots, charge any applicable fees, and pay the seller.

A Cheaper Way to Test Silver (and Gold) Coins

In the November 2025 issue, we looked at testing coins using specific gravity—a reliable way to determine whether a coin is truly silver, gold, or another metal. The method works well and tells you exactly what a coin is made of. The downside is practicality. Specific-gravity testing requires water, a scale, and a controlled setup, which makes it far from ideal to haul around to coin shows or shops when you want to verify a coin before buying it.
So what's the everyday hobbyist supposed to do?

For years, the gold standard in non-destructive coin verification has been the **Sigma Metalytics Precious Metal Verifier** line. These machines are accurate, fast, and trusted by dealers across the country. The downside? The price. Depending on the model, a Sigma unit will run anywhere from $1,000 to $3,500—a perfectly reasonable investment for a full-time dealer, but a steep climb for the average hobbyist who just wants to check a few coins a month.
So where does that leave the rest of us?
Fortunately, technology has finally caught up with the needs of collectors. There is now a reliable, low-cost alternative that puts metal testing within reach of every hobbyist: the **Pocket Pinger**.

What Is the Pocket Pinger?
The Pocket Pinger is a small, inexpensive device—about **$40**—that works with your smartphone to analyze the acoustic signature of a coin. Every genuine silver or gold coin has a unique ring when tapped. Counterfeits, especially those made from base metals or plated alloys, produce a noticeably different sound.
The Pocket Pinger holds the coin securely and lets you tap it in a consistent way. Your phone's microphone records the sound, and an app analyzes the frequency pattern. This method isn't new—collectors have been "ping testing" coins for generations—but the modern software makes the results far more precise and repeatable.

How Accurate Is It?

The Pocket Pinger paired with the StackerTools app is surprisingly effective at identifying suspicious coins and bars. Instead of relying on weight, dimensions, or surface appearance alone — all of which modern counterfeits can mimic — the app analyzes the unique vibration modes a real coin produces when tapped.

Every metal has its own "voice." When a coin rings, it vibrates in multiple patterns at once, each producing a distinct peak frequency and decay rate. The StackerTools app listens for these peaks and compares them to the expected vibration modes for that specific coin or bar. If the sound signature matches, you'll see a PASS. If the peaks fall outside the expected ranges, the app flags it as FAIL or OTHER.

This physics-based approach has proven extremely effective at catching counterfeits that would otherwise slip past weight, magnet, and dimension checks. For hobbyists, it's one of the most practical ways to screen raw silver and gold before buying or selling.

How It Works

1. Place the coin in the Pocket Pinger. The device holds the coin securely so it rings cleanly.
2. Tap the coin near your phone's microphone. A light tap or multiple taps is all it takes — the entire coin vibrates.
3. The app analyzes the sound signature. It checks multiple vibration modes and compares them to known patterns.
4. You get an instant pass/fail result. No chemicals, no scratches, no expensive equipment — just physics.

Who Should Still Consider a Sigma?

A Sigma Metalytics machine is still the right tool for:

- High-volume dealers
- Anyone buying large quantities of bullion
- Shops that need fast, repeatable results
- Testing bars, odd shapes, or encapsulated coins

But for the average collector who wants confidence without the four-figure price tag, the Pocket Pinger fills the gap beautifully.

Additional Tips

After you've checked a coin with the Pocket Pinger, it's still smart to follow up with a few quick physical tests. A simple magnet test, an accurate digital scale, and a pair of digital calipers will confirm the coin's weight, dimensions, and non-magnetic properties. Used together, these checks give you some of the strongest, most reliable indicators available to help you confirm that the coin is genuine.

A Cheaper Way to Test Silver (and Gold) Coins

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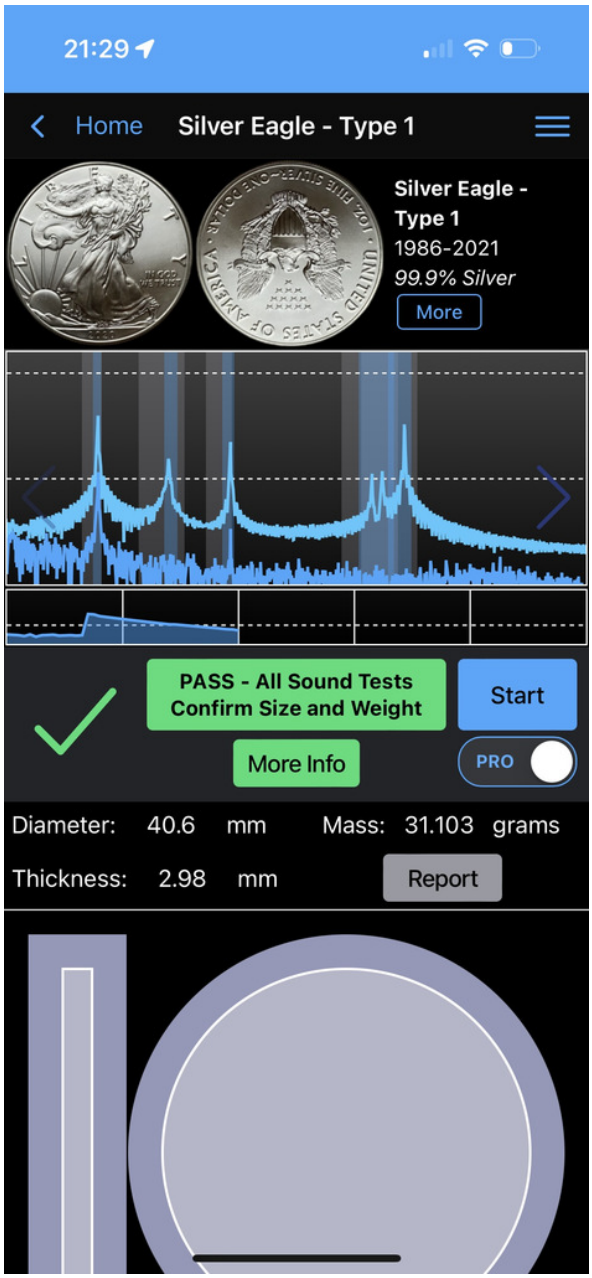

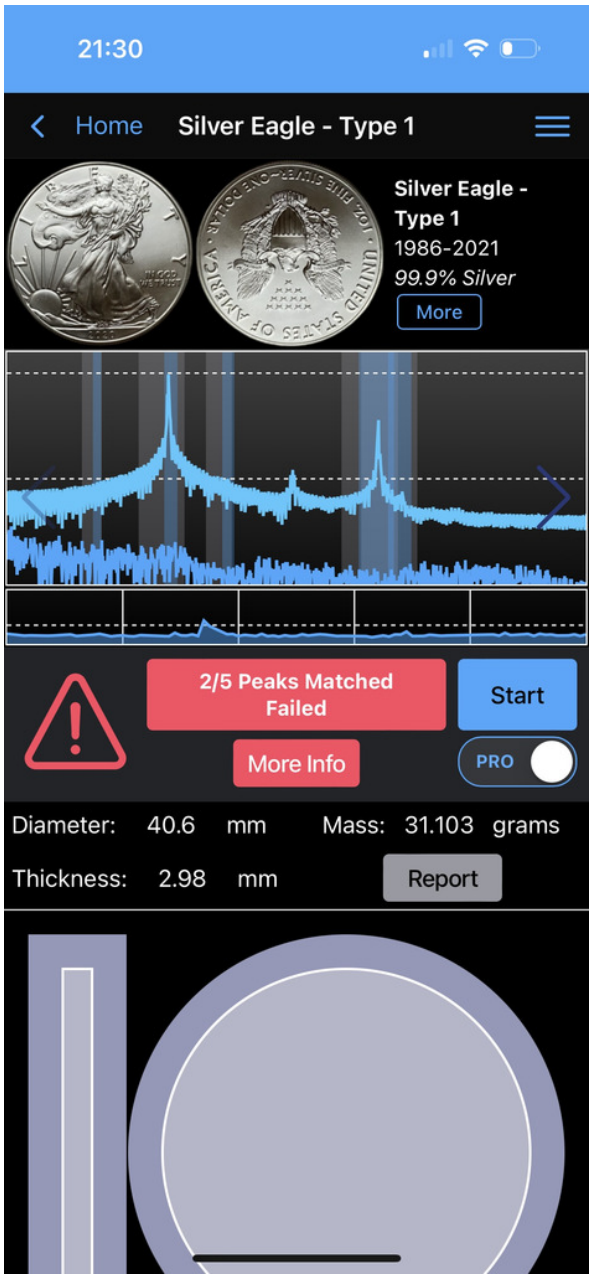

These two screenshots show how the StackerTools.com app analyzes the “ping” of a Silver Eagle and compares it to the known acoustic signature of a genuine coin.

On the left, the coin passes with flying colors. All five sound peaks line up exactly where they should, matching the reference pattern for a real Silver Eagle. When all peaks fall within the expected frequency ranges, the app confirms with a clear PASS result. There is also an on-screen template for checking the size and rim width.

On the right, the story is very different. Only two out of five peaks match the expected signature. The remaining peaks fall outside the correct ranges, which is a strong indicator that the coin is not made of the proper metal—or may be an outright counterfeit. The app flags this immediately with a FAILED result.

Together, these images show how quickly and clearly acoustic testing can separate genuine coins from fakes, even when the counterfeits look convincing to the eye.

Simple Science

All else equal, two coins made from two different metals will make two different sounds. When a coin or bar is held correctly and tapped, the entire object gets excited and vibrates in multiple different patterns known as vibration modes, each of these vibration modes creates a unique peak frequency and decay rate.
The StackerTools App listens for these peak frequencies (and overall decay) and notifies the User if the tested item is a *pass*, *fail*, or *other*.
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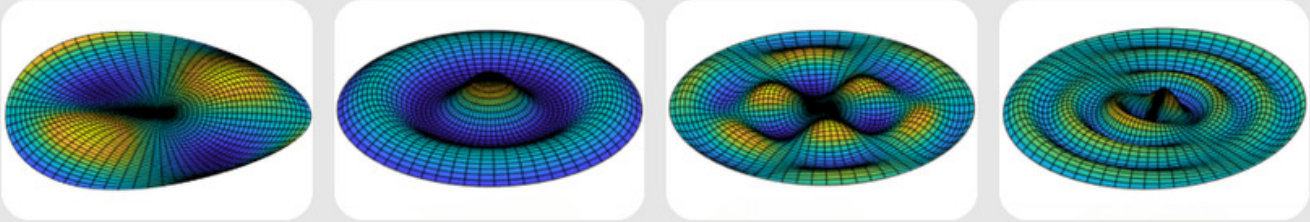
imagine the discs below are a vibrating coin



mode 0,2
the vibration waves around the outer edge

mode 1,0
the vibration quickly spikes in the center of the coin

mode 0,3
the vibration oscillates throughout the middle region

mode 1,1
the vibration oscilates and spikes near the center

Each of these patterns of vibrations is happening simultaneously while a coin rings and the StackerTools App checks for all of them**... the Physics Matter**... up to 19 different vibration modes depending on the item

The Science Behind the Sound

When you tap a coin, you're not just hearing a single note — you're hearing a whole collection of vibration patterns happening at the same time. Every metal has its own "voice," and when a coin or bar rings, it vibrates in multiple vibration modes, each producing a distinct peak frequency and decay rate.
The StackerTools app listens for these peaks and compares them to what a genuine coin should sound like. Some modes ripple around the outer edge, others spike in the center, and others oscillate through the middle of the coin. Up to 19 different vibration modes may be present depending on the item, and the app checks all of them simultaneously.
Because these patterns are tied directly to the metal's physical properties, they're extremely difficult for counterfeiters to fake. Even plated or tungsten-filled pieces can match weight and dimensions — but they can't mimic the true acoustic fingerprint of real silver or gold.
This is why the Pocket Pinger + StackerTools combo works so well: it's simple physics doing the heavy lifting, giving collectors a fast, non-destructive way to flag suspicious coins before they end up in a stack.

How Much Does It Cost?

One of the biggest advantages of pairing the Pocket Pinger with the StackerTools mobile app is the price. While a Sigma Metalytics verifier can run anywhere from $1,000 to $3,500, the acoustic-testing method is dramatically more affordable and far more accessible for everyday collectors.
The Pocket Pinger itself is about $40, and the StackerTools app is completely free. There are no paid tiers, no subscriptions, and no locked features. Once you install the app, you can immediately begin testing coins using their acoustic models. The unlock code that comes with the Pocket Pinger unlocks the whole library of coins for testing.

What You Get in the Free App

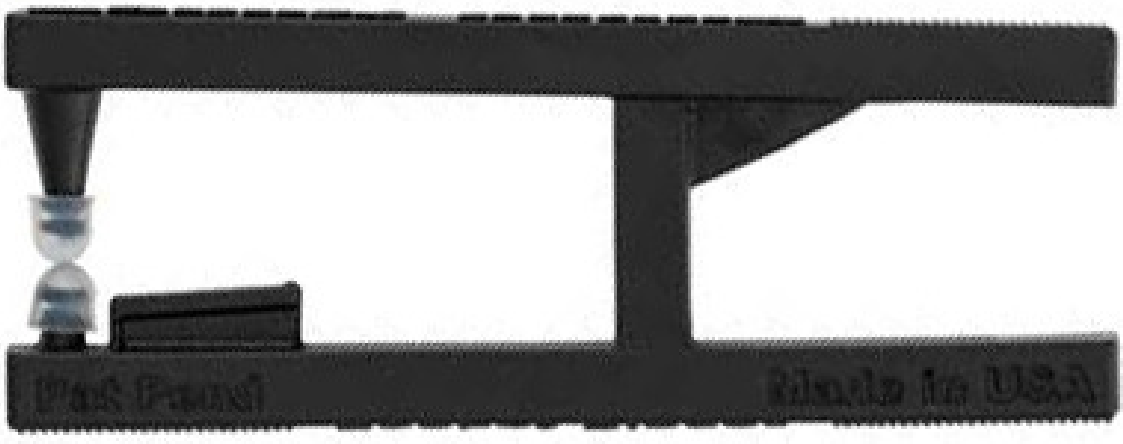
- Full access to their sound-testing tool
- Acoustic profiles for a wide range of silver, gold, and other bullion coins
- Clear pass/fail analysis based on peak matching
- The ability to compare your ping results to known reference signatures
- Optional access to the website for viewing models or uploading data (also free)

For most hobbyists, this setup is more than enough to verify common bullion coins like Silver Eagles, Maple Leafs, Philharmonics, and many world issues — all without investing in expensive hardware.
In total, you can build a capable, portable coin-testing system for around $40, making it one of the most cost-effective ways to screen silver and gold coins with confidence.

Final Thoughts

The rise of acoustic testing tools is great news for the hobby. For the first time, collectors have access to a low-cost, highly effective way to verify their silver and gold coins. The Pocket Pinger won't replace a Sigma Metalytics machine for professional use, but it absolutely empowers everyday collectors to protect themselves from counterfeits—without breaking the bank.

If you are interested in purchasing the pocket ping tester you can do so at https://coinpingtest.com/



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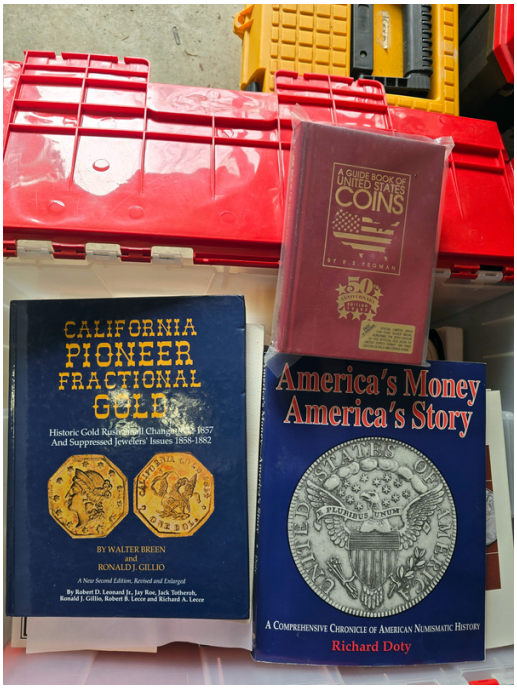
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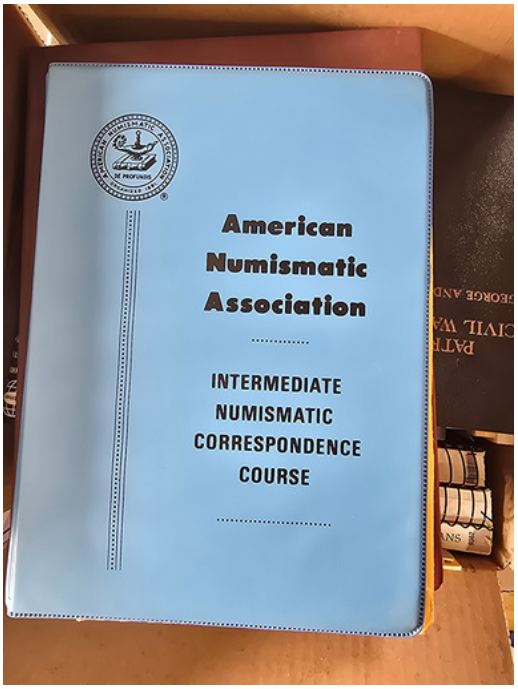

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- Hundreds of high-quality reference books
- Available for sale
- Great resources for new and experienced collectors

Coin Collecting Supplies

- Various tools and cleaning items and coin collecting supplies from Dick's workbench
- Priced individually or in small lots

Dick had a big heart for young numismatists, and he would be thrilled to see these items continue to support collectors in our community.

Interested?

Please contact Teresa by email or phone to make an offer or arrange pickup.

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Dick feeling right at home calling BINGO at the OCC Picnic — a familiar voice keeping the tradition going and the crowd smiling.

Photo by Teresa Cowley

Moving Day for Dick's Safe It took a motley crew of determined helpers to get Dick's safe on its way to its new home. The team — Jacob DeBoer (the new owner), Nicolas DeBoer, Jordan Cline, and Jay DeBoer — teamed up to tip, lift, and muscle the 500-pound beast out the door and into the car. A great example of teamwork and a fitting send-off for one of Dick's longtime treasures.

Recently Sold on eBay

M and M Olympia Trade Token
Sold for $8

1939-D Silver Quarter sold for $9.99

Seven 1960 Silver Quarters sold for $80 with 7 bids

US Seated Dime 1883 Love Token Ship & Lighthouse sold for $36

1935-A $1 United States Silver Certificate WWII Short Snorter Sold for $99

1998 US 1/4 oz $10 Gold Eagle Gem Unc - Sold for $1,188 with 23 bids

Authentic 1336-1646 ICG Genuine India Vijayanagara Worlds Smallest Gold Coin - $24.99 buy it now price

$10 Military Payment Certificate Series 692 Gem Unc 66 EPQ PMG 951012-45 - Sold for $1,925

1995 W American Silver Eagle Anniversary Set NGC PF70 UCAM Mercanti Signed Sold for $17,500

2020 AMERICAN SILVER EAGLE BULLION COIN WITH U.S. MINT CASE - Sold for $79

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Secretary	Richard Green

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Position 2	Jordan Kennedy
Position 3	Dale Gerard
Position 4	Ken Fialkowski
YN Board Member	Rudy Kennedy

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Jay DeBoer

Regular Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at:
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM on the first Thursday of the month.
Doors open at 6:00PM
No July meeting - August is the Club Picnic
December is the Club Holiday Party

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00PM .
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

Olympia Coin Club

Established January 1958 - Olympia, Washington

Membership

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st.
Annual-dues are $15 for Regular and Family memberships
Junior membership (under 18) is $3

Our Commitment to Numismatics

- **Promote numismatics** – Foster a deep appreciation for coins, currency, and related collectibles, encouraging study, preservation, and historical exploration.
- **Cultivate fellowship among numismatists** – Build a welcoming community where collectors can connect, share knowledge, and enjoy mutual interests.
- **Encourage and assist collectors** – Support collectors at all levels by providing resources, guidance, and opportunities to expand their collections.
- **Provide an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade coins** – Create a marketplace where enthusiasts can engage in fair and informed transactions.
- **Engage and inspire young numismatists** – Spark interest in coin collecting among younger generations through mentorship, educational programs, and hands-on activities, ensuring the future of the hobby.

Past Issues of the OCC Newsletter can be obtained from the Olympia Coin Club Facebook Group

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WANTED: Olympia Trade Tokens, Hobo Nickels, Error Coins. **SELLING**: Hobo Nickels, Trade Tokens, Currency, Error notes and coins.
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Leave a Legacy of Numismatic Passion
Consider including the Olympia Coin Club in your estate plans. Whether it's coins, tokens, supplies, or a monetary donation, your gift can help preserve our shared love of history and collecting for future generations. A legacy donation ensures your passion lives on — inspiring, educating, and connecting fellow enthusiasts for years to come. To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, speak with a club officer.

Join the fight to repeal the Precious Metals Tax
Visit: https://washingtoncoinandbullionassoc.org/

Auction Donations: Have duplicate coins, older currency, or even treasured pieces you'd like to see make a difference? Enter them in the club auction marked “For the Club” — all proceeds go toward strengthening Olympia Coin Club programs and events. Every donation, big or small, helps build a richer future for our community.

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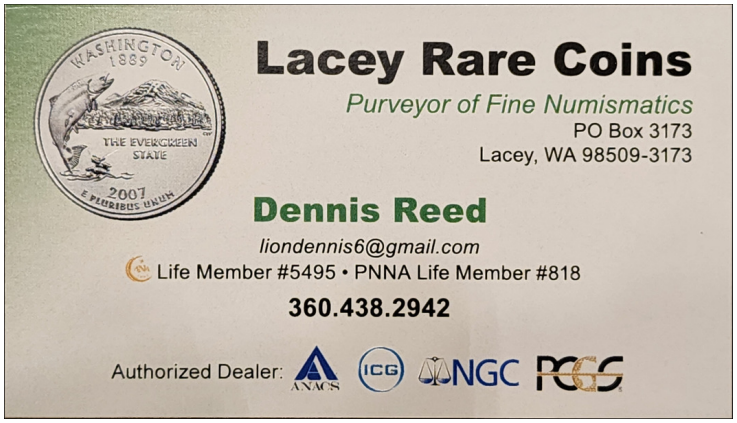

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